

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please add the following new paragraph immediately after the Title.

This case was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on January 23, 2006 and claims priority of U.S. provisional application serial No. 60/489,423 filed on July 24, 2003.

On page 3, lines 8-16 immediately after the Detailed Description of the Present Invention, please make the following amendments:

The present invention relates to the use of solid acid catalysts for the addition of aryl compounds to unsaturated fatty acids (~~alkylation~~) (arylation) and the isomerization of unsaturated fatty acids. The acid catalysts are highly active and reusable after simple treatment. The arylation ~~alkylation~~ and isomerization (~~alkylation~~) may occur concurrently; arylation ~~alkylation~~ may also follow isomerization to branched unsaturated fatty acids. The balance between ~~alkylation~~ arylation and isomerization can be adjusted by tuning the catalyst acidity and/or reaction conditions. Under conditions employed in this invention, little cracking was observed and a small amount of lactone and ketone was formed.